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**FRANKLIN MAN CONVICTED OF MANUFACTURING AND
DISTRIBUTING "CRACK" COCAINE**

Re: United States v. Thomas KOLLAR

CONCORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE: United States Attorney Tom Colantuono and Special Agent in Charge of the Federal Bureau of Investigation Kenneth W. Kaiser announced that **Thomas KOLLAR**, 50, of Franklin, New Hampshire, was convicted on March 22, 2006 of cocaine and crack cocaine distribution charges.

According to the affidavit accompanying a federal criminal complaint issued by U.S. Magistrate Judge James Muirhead on January 31, 2006, KOLLAR distributed powder cocaine and "crack" cocaine to an FBI operative at his Franklin residence on September, 9, 2005.

KOLLAR entered a guilty plea before U.S. District Judge Steven J. McAuliffe to an information charging him with possession with intent to distribute and manufacturing cocaine and cocaine base, aka "crack" cocaine. Judge McAuliffe detained KOLLAR without bail pending his sentencing hearing scheduled for June 28, 2006. He faces a potential maximum sentence of 40 years imprisonment.

U.S. Attorney Colantuono stated, "This office is committed not only to aggressively prosecuting drug traffickers operating in Manchester and New Hampshire's other larger cities, but also those manufacturing and distributing illegal drugs into smaller communities like those in Central New Hampshire. The FBI conducted a thorough and aggressive investigation in this case, and this conviction stands as a prime example of the effectiveness of federal drug enforcement efforts statewide."

The conviction resulted from an investigation by the Federal Bureau of Investigation. The prosecution is being handled by First Assistant United States Attorney Joseph N. Laplante, the Lead Attorney for the District of New Hampshire in the New England Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force ("New England OCDEF").